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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING	April 1, 2007	AND ENDING	March 31, 2008
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NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Ridgew	ood Securities Corpo	oration	OFFICIAL USE ONLY
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	(No. and street)		
Ridgewood	NJ		07450
(City)	(State)		(Zip Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PE	RSON TO CONTACT IN	REGARD TO THIS	REPORT
Jeffrey H. Strasberg			201-447-9000
			(Area Code - Telephone Number)
B. ACCO	DUNTANT IDENTIF	TICATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT w	nose opinion is contained in	n this Report*	
Deloitte & Touche LLP			
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<sup>\*</sup> Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

### **AFFIRMATION**

I, Robert E. Swanson, affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules pertaining to Ridgewood Securities Corporation, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, are true and correct and such financial statements and supplemental schedules will be made available promptly to all members and allied members of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. in our organization. I further affirm that neither the Company nor any officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.

Date

Robert E. Swanson President and Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this  $\approx 8$  day of MoU,2008

JEANNE THOMPSON A Notary Public of New Jersey

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# RIDGEWOOD SECURITIES CORPORATION (S.E.C. I.D. No. 8-34781)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

Filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5(e)(3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as a PUBLIC DOCUMENT

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<sup>\*\*</sup> For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Stockholder of Ridgewood Securities Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Ridgewood Securities Corporation, (the "Company") as of March 31, 2008, and the related statements of earnings, cash flows, and changes in stockholder's equity, for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ridgewood Securities Corporation at March 31, 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. Supplemental schedules g, h and i, listed in the accompanying table of contents are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Such schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

May 28, 2008

Deloitte + Touche LLP

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF MARCH 31, 2008

ASSETS		
	Cash	\$ 968,558
	Certificate of deposit	54,934
	Receivables from affiliates	19,811
	Prepaid and other assets	49,380
	Total Assets	\$ 1,092,683
LIABILIT	TIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	
	Liabilities	
	Accounts and accrued expenses payable	\$ 83,282
	Payables to affiliates	 16,401
	Total Liabilities	 99,683
	Stockholder's Equity	
	Common stock, \$1 par value; 1,000 shares	
	authorized, issued and outstanding	1,000
	Additional paid-in capital	9,000
	Retained earnings	 983,000
	Total Stockholder's Equity	993,000
	Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity	\$ 1,092,683

# STATEMENT OF EARNINGS YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

REVENUES	
Placement fees	\$ 1,901,174
Selling commissions	6,975,010
Interest and other income	52,325
Total revenue	8,928,509
EXPENSES	
Compensation and benefits	5,483,140
Professional fees	819,080
Travel, meals and entertainment	742,685
Conferences and seminars	676,103
Office supplies	372,973
Regulatory fees	51,763
Other	320,172
Total expenses	8,465,916
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX	462,593
Income Tax Expense	2,080
NET INCOME	\$ 460,513

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

Cash flows from operating activities	
Net income	\$ 460,513
Non-cash items included in net income:	
Interest accrual for certificate of deposit	(2,058)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in receivables from affiliates	39,756
Increase in prepaid and other assets	(3,317)
Increase in accounts and accrued expenses payable	2,751
Increase in payables to affiliates	 16,401
Cash provided by operating activities	 514,046
Net increase in cash	514,046
Cash, beginning of year	 454,512
Cash, end of year	 968,558

See Notes to Financial Statements.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	Common stock shares	Common stock	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Total
BALANCEMarch 31, 2007	1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 522,487	\$ 532,487
Net income	•	-	-	460,513	460,513
BALANCEMarch 31, 2008	1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 983,000	\$ 993,000

See Notes to Financial Statements.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

### 1. BACKGROUND

Ridgewood Securities Corporation (the "Company") was incorporated in September 1983, under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Company acts as a broker-dealer in connection with the private placement of related party limited liability company shares for which Ridgewood Capital Management LLC, Ridgewood Renewable Power LLC, and Ridgewood Energy Corporation (companies affiliated through common ownership) act as managers.

The Company does not have custody of customer securities, does not maintain customer accounts, and does not have the use of, or custody of, customer funds.

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of Accounting** — The Company prepares its accounts under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Revenue Recognition**—The Company recognizes revenue from services rendered, which include placement fees and selling commissions, in connection with broker dealer activities. Placement fees and selling commissions, after meeting the minimum offering amount of the trust, are recognized when the subscription process is complete.

Interest income is recorded when earned.

Use of Estimates—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments—As of March 31, 2008, the carrying value of the Company's assets and liabilities approximate fair value.

Income Taxes—The Company files an S Corporation tax return. No provision is made for federal income taxes in the financial statements since the income and losses of the Company pass through and are included in the tax return of the stockholder. However, the Company is subject to state income taxes.

Balance Sheet Captions—The following are descriptions related to specific balance sheet captions. Refer to the related footnotes for additional information.

Cash—At times, bank deposits may be in excess of the federal measured limits. At March 31, 2008, bank balances exceeded federally insured limits by approximately \$869,000. The Company maintains bank deposits with high quality financial institutions to mitigate such risk.

**Prepaid and other assets**—Prepaid and other assets consist primarily of prepaid FINRA fees for the calendar year 2008, prepaid insurance and prepaid state income taxes.

Accounts and accrued expenses payables—Accounts and accrued expenses payable consists primarily of accounting and legal fees.

New Accounting Pronouncements— In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. This statement provides a "Fair Value Option" under which a company may irrevocably elect fair value as the initial and subsequent measurement attribute for certain financial assets and liabilities. This Fair Value Option will be available on a contract-by-contract basis with changes in fair value recognized in earnings as those changes occur. The effective date for this statement is the beginning of each reporting entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. The statement also allows an entity to early adopt provided that the entity also adopts the requirements of SFAS No. 157. On April 1, 2008, the Company did not elect the fair value option for any financial instruments, and is currently evaluating the future impact this guidance will have on its financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No.157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS No. 157"). This statement establishes, among other things, a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure requirements as they relate to fair value measurements. The statement is effective at the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its financial statements.

In June 2006, the FASB issued interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 ("FIN 48"). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a company's financial statements and prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. On February 1, 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position ("FSP") FIN 48-2, Effective Date of FASB Interpretations No. 48 for Certain Nonpublic Enterprises, which defers the effective date of FIN 48 for nonpublic enterprises until fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting FIN 48 on its financial statements.

#### 3. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

All placement fees and selling commissions are earned from limited liability companies whose managers are affiliates of the Company.

Affiliated companies provide certain office space and other services to the Company. For the year ended March 31, 2008, the Company paid \$569,333 in professional fees, which is included in *Professional fees* on the Statement of Earnings and \$38,333 in rent expense to affiliated companies, which is included in *Other* on the Statement of Earnings.

At March 31, 2008, \$19,811 in commissions and fees were receivable by the Company from affiliates, which is reflected as *Receivables from affiliates* on the Statement of Financial Condition.

At March 31, 2008, \$16,401 in operating expenses were payable by the Company to affiliates, which is reflected as *Payables to affiliates* on the Statement of Financial Condition.

### 4. CONTINGENCIES

On December 30, 2005, an investor in the Funds affiliated with the Company, Paul Bergeron, on behalf of himself and as Trustee for the Paul Bergeron Fund (the "Plaintiff"), filed a Complaint in Suffolk Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Paul Bergeron v. Ridgewood Securities Corporation et al, Suffolk Superior Court, Docket No. 07-1205 BLS1. The action was brought against, among others, the Company and persons who are officers of the Company alleging violations of the Massachusetts Securities Act, as well as breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, breach of contract, negligent misrepresentation and unjust enrichment, all related to a set of alleged facts and allegations regarding the sale of securities of funds managed by the Company or affiliates of the Company, which were sold in private offerings and the operation of those funds subsequent to the sale. The Plaintiff is seeking damages of \$900,000 plus interest and other damages to be determined at trial.

On January 27, 2006, the Plaintiff, on its own initiative, filed an Amended Complaint and Jury Demand in Massachusetts Superior Court, adding a non-diverse broker-dealer to the action. On February 27, 2006, a motion to dismiss was filed by the defendants in the District Court. On January 10, 2007, the District Court dismissed Plaintiff's unjust enrichment case, but denied the motion of the defendants to dismiss as to the remaining claims. Presently, attorneys for the parties are involved in discovery, with a magistrate judge having decided motions to compel brought by the parties during the summer of 2007. A new scheduling order is in the process of being developed by the parties for approval by the District Court. No trial date has been set.

The Company is subject to legal proceedings involving ordinary and routine claims related to its business. The ultimate legal and financial liability with respect to such matters discussed above cannot be estimated and management therefore has not recorded a reserve. While it is not possible to predict the outcome of the litigation discussed above with certainty and some lawsuits, claims or proceedings may be disposed of unfavorably to the Company, based on its evaluation of matters which are pending or asserted, the Company's management believes the disposition of such matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's business or its financial statements.

### 5. STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

The Company has authorized and outstanding 1,000 shares of \$1 par value common stock.

### 6. RETIREMENT PLAN

Employees may participate in a voluntary defined contribution retirement plan. Employee contributions are matched fifty cents on the dollar up to three percent of salary. Voluntary and employer contributions are fully vested at the time of contribution. For the year ended March 31, 2008, employer contributions were \$48,704, which is included in *Compensation and benefits* on the Statement of Earnings.

At the discretion of management, the company may elect to make a profit sharing contribution

to the plan. For the year ended March 31, 2008, there were profit sharing contributions paid of \$15,143, which is included in *Compensation and benefits* on the Statement of Earnings.

### 7. INCOME TAXES

For the year ended March 31, 2008, the Statement of Earnings reflects income tax expense of \$2,080. The income tax expense reflects the current state expense paid to the state of New Jersey. The Company had prepaid state income tax of \$13,343 included in *Prepaid and other assets* on the Statement of Financial Condition and no deferred taxes at March 31, 2008.

## 8. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. The rule prohibits a broker-dealer from engaging in securities transactions at a time when its "aggregate indebtedness" exceeds 15 times its "net capital" as these terms are defined by the rule, subject to minimum "net capital" requirements. As of March 31, 2008, the Company had net capital of \$923,158, which was \$916,512 in excess of it required net capital of \$6,646. The Company's net capital ratio was 0.108 to 1 as of March 31, 2008.

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## COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL FOR BROKERS AND DEALERS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 MARCH 31, 2008

COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL:		
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	_\$_	993,000
NONALLOWABLE ASSETS:		
Receivables from affiliates		19,811
		•
Prepaid and other assets		49,380
Penalty on hypothetical early withdrawal of certificate of deposit		651
Total non-allowable assets		69,842
NET CAPITAL		923,158
AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS		
Accounts and accrued expenses payable	\$	83,282
Payables to affiliates	<del></del>	16,401
Total aggregate indebtedness		99,683
MINIMUM NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT:		
(6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness		
or \$5,000, whichever is greater)		6,646
EXCESS NET CAPITAL	\$	916,512
RATIO OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS TO NET CAPITAL		0.108

NOTE - There are no material differences between the above computation and that filed with the Company's unaudited FOCUS report (Form X-17A-5) filed on April 18, 2008. Therefore, no reconciliation of the two computations is deemed necessary

COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION RELATING TO POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKERS AND DEALERS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 MARCH 31, 2008

Exemption under Section (k)(2)(i) is claimed:

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in that the Company's activities are limited to those set forth in the conditions for exemption appearing in paragraph (k)(2)(i) of Rule 15c3-3.



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May 28, 2008

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In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Ridgewood Securities Corporation (the "Company") as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008 (on which we issued our report dated May 28, 2008), in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we have made a study of the practices and procedures (including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures) followed by the Company that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g): (1) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11); (2) in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13; (3) in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and (4) for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect

Member of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu misstatements on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

However, we note that the size of the business and resultant limited number of employees imposes practical limitations on the effectiveness of those control policies and procedures that depend upon the segregation of duties. Because this condition is inherent in the size of the Company, the specific weaknesses are not described herein and no corrective action has been taken or proposed by the Company. These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of audit tests to be applied in our audit of the financial statements, and does not modify our opinion dated May 28, 2008 on such financial statements.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at March 31, 2008, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, the SEC, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered broker-dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Yours truly,

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